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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a two-month Extension of Time, to and including February 10, 2004, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$420.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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